THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) According to the National Common Minimum Programme, rural household elec-trification is to be completed in five years. This would entail electrification of all un-electrified villages and habitations.

Government of Orissa has been asked to formulate an action plan for the attainment of this objective.

Increasing the percentage of grants under APDIP

†2310. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provide 50 per cent of the project cost for reforms in sub-transmission and distribution networks under the Accelerated Power Development and Improvement Programme out of which 50 per cent amount is in the form of grant and 50 per cent is in the form of debt;

(b) whether the Central Government have any plan to provide 90 per cent of the amount allocated under this scheme as grant and 10 per cent of that as debt in view of the different steps taken by the Government of Rajasthan for reforms in the power sector;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir. Under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP), funds are provided through a combination of grant and loan to the State Governments as additional Central Plan Assistance. In respect of Non Special Category States, APDRP provides 50% of the project cost and the ratio of grant and loan is 1:1. SEBs/Utilities have to arrange remaining 50% of the cost from their own resources or loan from Power Finance Corporation (PFC)/Rural Electrification Corporation (REC)/Financial Institutions (FIs). In respect of Special Category States (all North Eastern States, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Uttaranchal and Jammu & Kashmir), APDRP provides 100% of the project cost in the ratio of 90% grant and 10% soft loan.

(b) No, Sir.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to (b) above.

(d) The Special Category States covered under APDRP are those States who have been recognized as Special Category States by the National Development Council. There is no provision in the guidelines on APDRP to accord special status to any States for the purpose of release of funds in the form of 90% grant and 10% loan.

T & D losses

2311. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. VIJAY MALLYA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the statistics on Transmission and Distribution (T&D) losses, for each of last five years;

(b) whether there has been a reduction in T&D losses in some of the States on account of privatization of distribution; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) According to information furnished by Central Electricity Authority (CEA), the Transmission & Distribution losses for the five years from 1998-99 to 2002-03 are as under:

SI. No.	Year	Percentage Transformation, Transmission &No. Distribution Losses (including energy unaccounted for) in States/UTs.
1.	1998-1999	26.45
2.	1999-2000	30.93
3.	2000-2001	32.86
4.	2001-2002	33.98
5. .	2002-2003	32.54

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to (b) above.